

12 an actuator pivotally connected to the first and second booms to
13 rotate about a third axis to move the first and second booms and the
14 watercraft support apparatus between a collapsed configuration and an
15 extended configuration that is over center with respect to the collapsed
16 configuration, the actuator configured to fully extend and hold the first and
17 second booms and the watercraft support apparatus in the extended
18 configuration,

19 wherein the third axis is offset from the first axis and is parallel
20 and offset away from the first end of the first boom and away from the first
21 axis, and

22 wherein the first boom is joined to the base at a first pivot point
23 positioned between the first end thereof and a distal end of a boom
24 extension formed on the first boom to which the actuator is attached, the
25 actuator pivotally connected adjacent a distal end of the boom extension.

Submitted herewith on separate pages is a complete listing of all the claims, each claim provided with a status identifier.

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

The examiner objected to claim 21. That claim has been canceled.

The examiner rejected claims 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Samoian et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,485,798). The rejected claims are canceled herewith.

The examiner also objected to claim 23 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but observed that claim 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The base claim for claim 23 was claim 21, and claim 22 was the only intervening claim. The amendment submitted herewith rewrites claim 23 in independent form including all the limitations of claims 21 and 22.

Accordingly, the present amendment, having met all the examiner's objections and rejections, complies with all formal requirements set forth in the August 11, 2005 office action.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance. Allowance of the claims as amended at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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